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TOPIC Military Activities in the Northern Portion of the Soviet Zone 25X1EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED PREPARED 15 March 1955 25X1REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At 1800 on 1 March 1955, a shipment of 7 x 85-mm AA guns, 1 sound detector, 3 repair shop trucks, 1 field kitchen and 10 boxcarloads of soldiers passed through the Saatzkorn railroad station. The train came from Jueterbog and went to Dallgow-Doeberitz. ¹ 25X1

2. In the morning on 4 March, it was determined that, except for a small rear detail, the artillery brigade had left its quarters in Olympisches Dorf during the preceding night. Fresh imprints in the snow indicated that the unit had been entrained at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. ² 25X1
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3. On 20 February, it was announced that three Soviet shipments were to be unloaded at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station between 1500 and 2000. ³

On 28 February, a shipment of approximately 20 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 20 tractors 17 trucks 25X1

 and 5 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes with artillery insignia were entrained at the Potsdam freight station and left for Forst Zinna at 1020. 25X1

On 2 March, two shipments were unloaded at the Potsdam and Wildpark railroad stations between 1100 and 1500. ⁴

4. The following columns were seen passing over the northern road bridge (Wilhelm Pieck Bruecke) in Magdeburg en route toward the west:

21 February. At 0830, 15 trucks including some with billeting equipment 1 tank truck and 1 field kitchen. 25X1

24 February. At 0500, 6 x 120-mm mortars, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 x 85-mm AT guns, 28 trucks and 2 field kitchens.

3 March. At 0500, 11 M-13 rocket launchers, 4 x 120-mm mortars, 5 x 57-mm AA guns, 2 light AA guns, 6 armored personnel carriers, 4 BA-64 armored scout cars, 4 radio trucks, 3 field kitchens and 79 trucks

 All vehicles came from the Herrenkrug Kaserne 25X1
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- 3 March. At 0930, 17 trucks with pontoons, 13 trucks with beams and 1 radio truck, [redacted] 25X1
5. At 0900 on 2 March, 5 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 6 tractors [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 20 trucks [redacted] and 6 boxcarloads of undetermined materiel were entrained at the Burg railroad station and left westward at 0930. 25X1
At 1350, a second train which carried 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 12 tractors and 22 trucks [redacted] went in the same direction. 6 25X1
6. At 0945 on 2 March, approximately 8 x 152-mm gun howitzers, each towed by a YA-12 prime mover, were loaded at the Burg freight station. It was learned that another shipment had been loaded on 1 March. 6
7. At 2330 on 28 February, a shipment with 12 M-13 rocket launchers, trucks and 10 boxcarloads of soldiers passed through the Wustermark railroad station. The train came from Dallgow-Doerbitz and proceeded toward Stendal. At 0300 on 1 March, M-13 rocket launchers and trucks were entrained at the Dallgow-Doerbitz railroad station and left toward Stendal.
1. [redacted] Comment. Units of the 1382d AAA Regt of the 1st Mecz Div probably returned to Doerbitz from firing practices at Jueterbog. The regiment can thus be confirmed in Doerbitz until 1 March 1955. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The 2d Light Arty Brig apparently transferred to one of the training grounds for firing practices during the night of 3/4 March. 25X1
[redacted] 5 shipments were to be dispatched from Doerbitz to an undetermined destination at the time concerned. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. These are probably 3 of the 5 shipments which, [redacted] went from Altengrabow to Wildpark on 20 February. The trains carried units of the 34th Arty Div which returned from firing practices. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] units of the 34th Arty Div went to Jueterbog on 28 February in 2 shipments [redacted] and returned from Jueterbog -Forst Zinna to Potsdam-Wildpark in 5 shipments [redacted] on 2 March. 25X1
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5. [redacted] Comment. Between 21 February and 3 March, firing details of the 19th Gds Mecz Div probably transferred to the southern portion of Letzling Heath for firing practices. The division thus continued its firing practices in the Letzling Heath which started in mid-February. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] The present report tends to indicate that the practices also involved the U/i Gds RL Bn which can thus be confirmed in the Herrenkrug Kaserne in Magdeburg until 3 March 1955. The engineer column [redacted] of the above-mentioned division is a first indication that the U/i Gds Engr Bn of the division, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] be stationed in Magdeburg, possibly in the Herrenkrug Kaserne. 25X1
6. [redacted] Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that units of the 304th Arty Brig of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps were entrained, probably for firing practices at a training grounds. [redacted] artillery units of the corps also transferred from Burg to Gardelegen on 23 February. It had previously been believed that the brigade consisted of 2 AT regiments and 1 howitzer artillery regiment. The gun howitzers observed again confirm that, after the reequipment in late 1954, the brigade is probably assigned an AT regiment, 1 howitzer artillery regiment and 1 gun howitzer regiment. 25X1
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